Hertford, asking him to free her, and promising to marry his
son But the Earl sent the letters to the Council

Tins NIGHT'S NEWS FROM COURT

From Court it is reported that the Queen is now grown
speechless This afternoon about four of the clock, after the
Archbishop and the divines had been with her, 'the Lord
Admiral, the Lord Keeper and Mr Secretary came again to
ask her resolution concerning her successor, and as she was now
not able to speak, Mr Secretary said, <We beseech your
Majesty, if you remain m your former resolution, and that you
would have the King of Scots to succeed you in your kingdom,
show some sign unto us' Whereat suddenly heaving herself
upwards in her bed and pulling her arms out of the bed, she
held both her arms jointly together over her head in manner
of a crown

About six at night she made signs for the Archbishop and
her chaplains to come to her She lay upon her back with one
hand in the bed and the other without The Archbishop
kneeled down by her and examined her first of her Faith, and
she so punctually answered all his several questions by lifting up
her eyes and holding up her hand as it was a comfort to all the
beholders Then he told her plainly what she was and what she
was to come to , and though she had long been a great Queen
here upon earth, yet shortly she was to yield an account of her
stewardship to the King of Kings After this he began to pray,
and all that were by did answer him After he had continued
long in prayer till the old man's knees were weary, he blessed
hex and meant to rise and leave her The Queen made a sign
with her hand, which one of her ladies, knowing

her meaning,
told the Archbishop the Queen desired he would pray still
He did so for a long half-hour after and then thought to leave.
The second time she made sign to have him continue in prayer.
He did so for half an hour more, with earnest cries to God for
her soul's health, which he uttered with that fervency of spirit
as the Queen to the sight of all who were present much rejoiced
thereat, and gave testimony to all of her Christian and com-
fortable end By this time it was grown late and everyone
departed, all but her women that attended her